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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Jonathan Meigs, et al.

Docket: 30-4590 (4950)

Serial Number: 09/361,458

Group Art Unit: 2832

Filed: July 27, 1999

Examiner: Karl Easthom

For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING INTEGRAL
RESISTORS IN PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS#8/Election
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 15, 2000 applicant makes the following election in response to the restriction requirement.

Remarks

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed three groups of claims. Group I, for claims 1-11, drawn to a composite and multilayer foil; Group II, for claims 12-15, drawn to a resistor; and Group III, for claims 16-20, drawn to a method for making a printed circuit board. Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, directed to claim 1-11, for examination. However, the restriction requirement is traversed. It should be noted, the Commissioner may statutorily require the election of inventions "If two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application." In the instant case the Examiner is alleging that the inventions of groups one and two are distinct, although absolutely no showing of such distinctness has been made.